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Mr. William Beach, Director
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Dear Mr. Beach:

Information on file with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicates that the Fansteel Metals facility in Muskogee, Oklahoma is regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), pursuant to a source material license issued under the Atomic Energy Act. As specified in 48 Federal Register 40661, September 8, 1983, the EPA has, as a matter of policy, chosen not to list releases of source, byproduct, or special nuclear material under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), at any facility where the NRC holds a license. As such, EPA under CERCLA believes that NRC has full authority to require cleanup of any releases from the Fansteel facility. We, therefore, believe that any corrective action required at the facility should be conducted under NRC jurisdiction.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please have your staff contact Deborah Vaughn-Wright (214/655-6740) or William Rowe (214/655-6735).

Sincerely yours,

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